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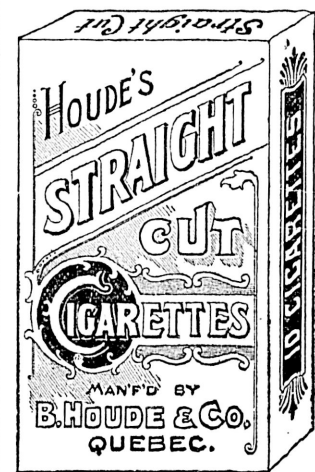
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Elegant Oak Rockers, upholstered and cov-  
ered with real Leather. Seats and  
Backs; Oak and Walnut Rockers in  
Tapestry and Plush; handsome Lounges  
and Couches; Red Leather, Rattan and  
Reed Rockers; Children's Rockers and High  
Chairs; very fine Solid Oak Hall Stand, Rat-  
tan Seater; Bamboo and Oak Whatnot;  
very fine Solid Oak Side Board, with Plute  
Glass back, the very latest Board made; a  
10 foot Solid Oak Extension Dining Table  
with massive Legs and Supports; 6 Polished  
Oak Dining Chairs, 2 Arm Chairs to match;  
Iron and Brass Bedsteads; Chiffoniers; In-  
laid Oak, used with Iron Bedsteads; 2  
Golden Oak Bed Sets; Ash Bed Sets; fine  
Woven Wire Mattresses; Combination Top  
Mattresses; Toilet Services; Vases; Crack-  
ery; Oak Stoves; Kitchen Tables, and  
Chairs, and a lot of useful household re-  
quisites.

I wish to call my patrons' attention to the  
fact that on Friday last I conducted my sale  
for two hours, selling upwards of 150 lots  
including every kind of useful household re-  
quisite, and although a blinding snow storm  
was in progress the whole time, I simply  
mention this to show that I conducted my  
sales for those who attend them, to matter  
what the weather may be. If you are furnishing,  
or if you simply want a special article of furni-  
ture for Christmas, this sale will afford you all  
the opportunity you want. On view Wednesday  
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Dominion May Be Repre-  
sented in Artillery.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The second contin-  
gent for Africa has been decided will  
consist of squadrons of Mounted Rifles  
to the total of 531 men of all ranks, and  
536 horses; three batteries of field artill-  
ery, total 513 of all ranks, and 393  
horses. One-half the mounted men will  
be drawn from the Mounted Police, and  
the other half from the cavalry regiments  
of the Dominion. Similarly the  
artillery will be drawn from the seven-  
teen field batteries, from Winnipeg to  
Sydney. Recruiting stations will be  
opened at all regimental headquarters.  
No officers have yet been appointed.  
The Parisian has been selected as one  
of the transports. The government will  
pay the men the difference in rates be-  
tween Imperial and Canadian pay. Four  
nurses will be taken. A large number  
of horses will have to be bought, and  
Mr. Beith, M. P., has been asked to  
undertake this task.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The cheerful and  
enthusiastic response of Canadians to  
the second call for troops for the Trans-  
vaal finds emphatic echo at Stanley Bar-  
nards, the "A" squadron, Royal Cana-  
dian Dragoons, are stationed. Every  
man of the squadron heard the news of  
the regiment's probable despatch to the  
front with great satisfaction, and the dis-  
appointment they felt at being unable to  
go with the first contingent has now  
faded away. As yet no official notifica-  
tion has reached the officers of the  
Dragoons regarding their despatch.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Lieut.-Col. Mc-  
Laren has sent word to the militia auth-  
orities at Ottawa that his services are  
at their disposal should more officers be  
required to go to South Africa.

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ing Machine; splendid Brussels and Tape-  
stry Carpets and Rugs; 3 Children's Cribs;  
3 Children's High Chairs; Baby Cart; Oak  
Bedstead; Maple Bed Set; Vienna Bent  
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38,000 TREASURY MINES (Surplus, Texas)	1 1/2
2,104 NEST EGG-FIRE FLY	1
1,000 MOLLY GIBSON	35
2,000 RATHMULLEN (Boundary)	7 1/2
3,000 RATHMULLEN (Boundary)	8
1,000 VICTORIA-TEXADA	2
1,000 VAN ANDA	2 1/2
2,000 KING (Oro Denero)	25
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**REBELS OPPOSE GATACRE.**

Dutch of the Colony Form Large  
Proportion of Boer Forces  
at Stormberg

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail pub-  
lishes the following despatch from Cape-  
town, dated Saturday, December 16:  
"The Boers intend to make a big stand  
at Stormberg and are massing a great  
force at the abandoned bridge. The  
commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of  
rebel Dutch."

CANADIANS AT BELMONT.

Private Message Reported Them All  
Well There on Tuesday.

St. John, Dec. 20.—Col. McLean has  
received a cable message from his son,  
Lieut. Weldon McLean, with the Cana-  
dian contingent. The message is dated  
Belmont, December 19, and reads:  
"Canadians all well." It is supposed  
that the Canadians have had a brush.

BRITISH STRENGTH ON LAND.

With Largest Army Ever Marshalled  
There Is Ample Force Still  
in Reserve.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Tribune, re-  
ferring editorially to the plans adopted  
by the war office for reinforcing the  
British army now in South Africa, says:  
"Mr. Wyndham's present programme,  
to which he has set himself with charac-  
teristic zeal and efficiency, is a formidable  
one. It involves sending to the scene  
of war two of the three foremost com-  
manders in the service, with by far the  
largest army ever assembled under the  
British flag in any war, and the en-  
listment of nearly half a million men  
with the colors, over and above the en-  
tire standing army. That will place  
Great Britain among the great military  
powers on land as well as on sea."  
"Some are saying that it is unneces-  
sary, and that in the panic caused by dis-  
aster the government is losing its head  
and is going to extremes. We should  
rather say it has found its head. It real-  
izes that the force attacking a fortified  
position should be numerically much  
superior to the defending force, and it  
proposes sending to South Africa an  
army that will sustain that relation to  
the Boers. It realizes, too, that it is  
timely for Great Britain to show the  
world that she is not taxed to her utmost  
to suppress the Afrikaner insurrection,  
but has an ample force still in reserve."

ATLANTIC MAILS.  
New Arrangements Made Necessary by  
Use of Steamers for Army  
Transports.

London, Dec. 20.—The post office has  
issued a notice to the effect that owing  
to the Majesty, the Britannic and the  
Cymric being taken as transports, no  
White Star Line steamers will go to New  
York from December 27 to January 3.  
Letters for the United States and Cana-  
da will not be despatched December 27.  
Letters posted next week will be for-  
warded by a Cunard Line steamer De-  
cember 30. The mid-week mails will  
be forwarded by the North German  
Lloyd steamer Trave January 3.

IMPERIAL VOLUNTEERS.

Suggestion of Citizens Fund to Augment  
the Government Allowance for  
Equipment.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. A. J. Balfour in  
his unofficial capacity has written to the  
Haddington dwelling upon the  
importance of the movement. He raises  
Yeomanry and Volunteer forces for ser-  
vice in South Africa. He suggests and  
offers to assist a public fund to augment  
the necessarily limited allowance made to  
the men by the government for equip-  
ment.

LORENZO MARQUES THE KEY.

Burglers Anxious Lest Receipt of Sup-  
plies by That Port Should Be  
Stopped.

London, Dec. 21.—The Madrid corres-  
pondents of the Standard says: "The  
government has recently intimated to  
the agents in Europe its readiness to  
be moderate in regard to peace condi-  
tions. The chief anxiety of the burglers  
is as to the question of receiving supplies  
via Lorenzo Marques."

GERMAN EMPEROR'S INTEREST.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Emperor William is  
said to exhibit the keenest personal con-  
cerning the war in South Africa and es-  
pecially the fate of the British troops.  
Each day he receives despatches show-  
ing the latest losses and then he com-  
municates to the German princes who,  
like himself, have blood ties with Eng-  
land.

OVERHAULED BY CRUISER.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—The Spanish steamer  
Cinada de Cadiz which has just arrived  
at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, from  
Cadiz, reports that she was pursued and  
overhauled last Saturday by a British  
cruiser, which fired guns compelling her  
to heave to, interrogated her as to name  
and route and then allowed her to go on.

**Buller's Force  
Daily Increasing.**

All Arrivals at Capetown Being  
Ordered to Join the Natal  
Column.

Methuen's Enemy Are Greatly  
Strengthening Position—  
No Word From Him.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 21.—4:40 a.m.—The grav-  
ity of the military situation is again be-  
coming accentuated in the public mind  
owing to the complete absence of news.  
Nothing has been heard from Lord Meth-  
uen since Sunday and it is feared that  
his communications have been cut.  
A correspondent of the Daily Mail tele-  
graphing from Modder River last Satur-  
day says: "The Boer position, already  
formidable on December 11, has since  
been greatly strengthened, extending for  
an area of twelve miles."

"It is entrenched according to the most  
modern methods throughout its entire  
length. Wire fences have been placed  
before all the trenches at every point,  
guns have been positioned and there is  
every evidence that the Boers are well  
supplied with ammunition. Only a pow-  
erful attacking force can hope to make a  
successful assault."

The Times in an article from the pen  
of a military official laments the disposi-  
tion of the British force, quotes the max-  
im of Napoleon in favor of concentration  
and regrets that Lord Methuen did not  
retire to Orange River a week ago.  
The latest despatches received seem to  
show that the Boer forces are standing  
on the defensive at all points. Gen. Bul-  
ter is ordering the troops now arriving at  
Capetown to proceed to Durban to re-  
inforce the Natal column. Absence of  
news from him has led to the surmise  
that he is trying to join Gen. White by  
a flank movement.

The appeals for Yeomanry and Volun-  
teers are being being responded to with  
the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the  
country. Lord Wolseley proposes that  
the forces being raised by the Lord  
Mayor of London be called the "City of  
London Imperial Volunteers."

The government expects the total of  
Yeomanry and Volunteers to reach 8,000.  
Baron Chelmsford will command with Lord  
Lonsdale as adjutant-general.

The Australian colonies are respond-  
ing eagerly to the Imperial government's  
appeal for a second contingent.

It is reported that the Queen will  
abandon her proposed visit in conse-  
quence of the war.  
On of the results of the coal famine  
in the Sheffield district, indirectly aris-  
ing out of the war, is of great impor-  
tance, as the steel works are not able to  
get coal from their own collieries a few  
miles distant. They will sue the rail-  
way companies for non-delivery of coal.  
One of the great armor plate works has  
shut down partially.

LORD ROBERTS TO THE PRESS.

Admiration for Spirit Shown by Colonial  
Volunteers—Slander of Irish  
Troops Answered.

London, Dec. 20.—Gen. Lord Roberts,  
who is to have full command of the Brit-  
ish troops in South Africa, accompanied  
by Lady Roberts and their two daugh-  
ters, arrived in London this morning.  
After going to a hotel, he spent about an  
hour at the war office in consultation  
with the Marquis of Lansdowne, the  
secretary of state for war.  
Gen. Roberts willingly assented to give  
the Associated Press the following state-  
ment: "Circumstances naturally forbid  
my speaking about the campaign ahead  
of me, except to say that I have entire  
confidence in the British soldier, and that  
I believe the traditions of our army will  
be upheld in South Africa."

For the friendly interest and sym-  
pathy exhibited by many Americans, I am  
most deeply grateful. I feel sure the  
justice of our cause merits this. Though  
we may be at war, I can safely say that  
no unnecessary harshness and no acts of  
inhumanity will mar the fair name of  
this branch of the Anglo-Saxon race.

"I cannot too warmly express my ad-  
miration for the spirit which prevails in  
our colonies. The action of Canada will  
always be a glorious page in the history  
of the sons of the Empire. I look for  
great things from the men she has sent  
and is sending to the front."  
"The reports which indicate that dis-  
loyalty exists in the Irish regiments are  
absolutely untrue. In the hour of dan-  
ger my countrymen have ever been  
among the first to lay down their lives  
for their Queen and country, and  
whether it be against the Boers or men  
of any other nationality, the Irish sol-  
dier will be found loyal to his Queen and  
brave in battle. You cannot deny those  
reports of Irish disloyalty too strongly."  
The representative learned that Gen.  
Roberts entertains a great friendship for  
Gen. Kitchener, though they have never  
served together.

See  
The  
Line of

**...TWO BIT...  
BRIAR PIPES.**

IN SHOW WINDOWS.

**HARRY SALMON'S**  
THE CORNER.



## Where Are Buller's Guns?

**Doubtful Whether Boers Ever  
Secured Those Abandoned  
at Tugela River.**

**Unconfirmed Durban Report  
of Their Recovery in  
Midnight Sally.**

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 20.—It still seems doubtful whether the guns Gen. Buller abandoned at Colenso are in possession of the Boers. An Associated Press despatch filed the evening of the battle states that the guns were covered by heavy guns of Gen. Hildyard's brigade, occupying an entrenched position. The despatch adds that the Boers had thus far not attempted to cross the river to carry off the guns. Advice to the Associated Press from Pretoria of the same date were that the official despatch reported 2 guns, 13 wagons and a quantity of ammunition captured, besides 208 prisoners.

A despatch from Durban dated December 16 says: "It is rumored Gen. Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns, that a party issued from camp after midnight and brought in the guns, which were uninjured."

### QUARTER MILLION SHELLS.

Germany Delighted to Furnish Them to British But Won't Allow Recruitment of Her Peasants.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The district court of Hamburg has just issued an order for the arrest of an alleged British agent named York who was hiring a number of German peasants in the neighborhood for military service, which under the Imperial law is a criminal offence. There is nothing, however, to interfere with Herr Krupp in the manufacture of steel shells for the British army. An Essen local paper announces that 250,000 such shells are being made on a "rush" order and that the men are working night and day.

### TO EXHIBIT AT PARIS.

London, Dec. 18.—The executive committee of the royal commission on the Paris exposition held at meeting to-day at Marlborough House, the Prince of Wales presiding. It is understood that though there have been received a few minor withdrawals of exhibits on account of the abuse of the Queen by certain French journals, it is not likely that serious results will follow as far as the British exhibit is concerned.

### JOHANNESBURG REFUGEES.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. Joseph Kirkland, of Chicago, accompanied by his sister, has arrived in London from Johannesburg, whence they had to flee with other refugees, despite their Boer sympathies.

### GERMAN NAVAL STATIONS.

Efforts of Immediate Future to Be Directed to Their Acquisition.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—In Count Von Buelow's speech last week occurred a passage indicating Germany's need of a number of points d'appui and coaling stations for the German navy. This passage was purposely worded cautiously, the meaning being somewhat veiled so as not to attract the suspicions of other nations, but there is the best authority for the statement that Germany's aims during the next few years will be earnestly directed to the acquisition of a number of such points in parts of the world where German war vessels in time of actual hostility would need them, particularly in the Far East, the Antilles, Central America, South America and Polynesia.

### SEVERE EARTHQUAKES.

London, Dec. 20.—A special despatch from Berlin says: "Sharp earthquake shocks were felt about 9 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning in the Rheingau district between Frankfurt and Wiesbaden. The houses were shaken and the people rushed wildly into the open air. No loss of life is reported."

### LIBERAL SUCCEEDS LIBERAL.

London, Dec. 20.—In the parliamentary election held to-day in Gloucestershire and Kilmorysh to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of the Right Hon. John Balfour to be Lord Justice of Scotland, Mr. B. Watson, Liberal and Radical, defeated his Unionist opponent, Mr. G. Younger, by 516 votes. Mr. Watson's majority is 29 less than that by which Mr. Balfour carried this constituency at the last general election against Mr. Younger.

### CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS.

Enthusiasts Waiting at All Points for the Recruiting Offices to Open.

Edmonton, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The news that the government intends to raise 500 mounted men in the West, composed of Mounted Police and cowboys, has aroused the war feeling hereabouts to enthusiasm. As soon as a recruiting office is opened there will be a rush to volunteer, and the authorities will have the finest material to choose from.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—Fifty Dalhousie students are volunteers for the second contingent. The Halifax harbor corps has volunteered a body. Several militia officers and 60 men have already handed their names to Col. Irving, the D. O. C.

### PREMIER GREENWAY'S EXIT

Will Be Made at End of Year When Hugh John Will Be Called Upon.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Lieutenant-Governor Patterson returned from the East to-day. It is understood Premier Greenway continues in office till the end of the year, when Hugh John Macdonald will be called upon to form his government.

### FILIPINOS VANQUISHED.

So Confesses a Member of the Cabinet Who Thinks Little More Trouble in Store.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered one of the strongest and brainiest followers of the insurgents, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press to-day: "The future peace of the Philippines depends entirely upon the form of government the Americans establish. We are vanquished because we lacked food and munitions and mismanaged our affairs. The spirit of independence is fading recognition. The individuality of the Filipino people still lives. If the government eventually established here is liberal, secure and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no more trouble."

### THE HAGUE PROPOSALS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The President to-day sent to the senate the treaty negotiated by the Powers at The Hague last July for the pacific settlement of disputes between nations. The President's message was a formal letter of transmittal, except that it invited attention to the accompanying report from the secretary of state urging immediate action of the senate. The treaty is the result of the Hague conference, a Chinese envoy from St. Petersburg is expected to sign certain declarations for the Chinese government, excluding the laws of war.

### TURBULENT SAMOANS.

Slight Disturbance Over Measures to Enforce Collection of Poll Tax.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Advices received here to-day from Apia, Samoa, say a slight disturbance occurred at the village of Lantunau, owing to depredations upon the property of three chiefs who were expelled for refusing to pay the poll tax imposed by the consuls of the dreadnought. The consuls have demanded that the guilty parties be sent to Apia for punishment, which has been promised.

### HAVANA CUSTOMS FRAUDS.

Nine Appraisers Under Arrest for Conspiracy to Defraud Government.

Havana, Dec. 20.—A sensation was caused in Havana this afternoon by the arrest of nine of the chief appraisers of the custom house staff on the charge of being in collusion with many Havana merchants to swindle the government out of large sums. It is believed that thousands of dollars have been corruptly diverted.

### HELD FOR SHOOTING.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 20.—Henry F. Corbett, who was arrested on suspicion of having shot the Rev. David B. Cheney and wife, two weeks ago, was taken before the Cheneys to-day and positively identified as the man.

### GERMAN PRESS LAWS.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Germany imparts her peculiar press laws to her colonies. Herr Eggert, editor of the Deutsche Asiat Warte, in Kiao Chou, has been sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment for indulging in criticism of the authorities.

### BARBADOES' EXPORTS.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The German federal council has discontinued the favored nations privilege to products from the island of Barbadoes, British West Indies.

## Vancouver's News Budget.

**Omineca Routes Before Board  
of Trade—Decision Renewed  
in Card Cases.**

**Sir Charles to Visit Boundary  
—The Labor Candidate  
for Mayoralty.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P. for Cassiar, attended the meeting of the Board of Trade last night and spoke in favor of the Skeena route to the Omineca. Senator Reed also spoke, favoring the road being built via Quesselle. The board decided to take further time to consider the matter. A petition to the government for a road from Squamish to Pemberton was endorsed by the board.

W. Petri informed the court presided over by Justice Irving that he was making a test case of the charge against him of allowing illegal card playing to be carried on in his premises. He said he was testing the case for the proprietors of the Savoy. Mr. Petri said that in the game of black jack carried on in his house the bank, in which there is a slight advantage, changes hands about every five or ten minutes. There were no drinks played for and no rake off of any kind and no direct advantage to the proprietor. Judgment was reserved.

In conversation with Mr. Shimozu, consul for Japan, to-day a gentleman stated that all the editors of the press in the vernacular press of Japan showed intense sympathy for the British and extreme anxiety as to the outcome of the struggle now going on. The latest files of all the leading Japanese newspapers to hand express great alarm at the possible results to China and Japan should Great Britain continue to meet with reverses in South Africa. They fear open aggression in the Orient on the part of Russia and Germany.

When in Greenwood D. R. Ker was urged to wire a request to Sir Charles Tupper to speak in that town. "We are all Conservatives," they said, "and want to honor the chief." Mr. Ker wired Sir Herbert Tupper and last night he was informed of the chief's decision that Greenwood's request would be granted. He would take his Christmas dinner at Columbia and speak at Columbia, Grand Forks, Greenwood and many towns throughout Kootenay as possible. For the moment war news is not the only topic of conversation here. Everyone is talking of Sir Charles' magnificent speech last night, and the big turn out in spite of its being one of the nastiest nights on record outside.

Mr. Sherwood, head of the Mounted Police here, says that Baden-Powell has 230 ex-Canadian Mounted Police in his service. The Deadman's Island delegates have had a long interview with Ald. Alex. Brown and it is understood that both parties have agreed to yield a little for the good of their common cause and that Ald. Brown will be placed in the field as a candidate for mayor to be supported by the labor and Ladgate parties.

Christmas will be sad for a great many people among Vancouver's English population, so many having relatives fighting in the Transvaal or are mourning the death of a fallen soldier from their families.

### TRADE WITH TRINIDAD.

Draft Treaty With the United States Rejected and Canada May Now Profit.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The department of trade and commerce has been advised that the colony of Trinidad has rejected the proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States, on the ground of its one-sided character. This is not unwelcome news, as it leaves the door open for Canada making an arrangement with the colony.

### SETTLING MONEY PANIC.

New York, Dec. 19.—Bankers are highly pleased with Secretary Gage's efforts to relieve the panic feeling in the money market. James Stillman, president of the National City Bank, thinks the crisis has been passed. Henry Clews says the secretary should be congratulated for again meeting the emergency in such a business-like way.

### SINGERS AND SPEAKERS.

Throat irritation is most annoying to platform people and to prevent this as well as looseness and sore throat most singers and speakers carry with them a little of Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Terpinol. It promptly and positively relieves all throat ailments, looseness or hoarseness, and all kinds of coughs and colds. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

### SAMOANS WARRING AGAIN.

Germans Give Liberty to Choose Their Own King and Old Trouble Revives.

Apia, Samoa, Dec. 13, via Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 13.—The German flag was hoisted over the court house to-day as an official notification of the annexation of the islands by agreement to Germany. The German consul was interviewed by the Samoa chiefs. He replied that the Samoans could have their own kings and chiefs. They then informed the consul that Mataafa would be selected. Having declared their government established, the Matafaans are driving the Mafafas out of the villages. Trouble appears imminent.

### OHIO COLLEGE BURNED.

Main Building of Buchel College Destroyed With Several Annexes.

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The main building of Buchel College, including all the laboratories, library, men's and women's dormitories, were burned to the ground to-night. The fire started in the men's dormitory about 5 o'clock, and spread to the other points of the building rapidly. Much of the personal property of the students and a large number of valuable books from the library were saved. The loss is fully \$100,000, with \$65,000 insurance.

### CANADIANS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 19.—Intense enthusiasm for Anglo-American friendship and interest in Great Britain's cause in South Africa was shown to-night at the annual dinner of the Canadian Society at the Hotel St. Andrew. The friendship between the American and British people was the keynote of every toast, and always evoked enthusiasm. Women attended the dinner for the first time in the society's history.

### EMINENT MUSICIAN'S DEATH.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cable advices received here to-day announced the death in Dublin on Tuesday of Prof. J. W. Glover, the eminent musician. He was born in Dublin 80 years ago, and gained world-wide prominence from the edition of Moore's Melodies, which he harmonized and edited. Among his numerous compositions were an oratorio, "St. Patrick at Tara," "The Deserted Village," an oratorio founded on Oliver Goldsmith's poem, and an ode to Parnell. He was for many years organist of the cathedral in Dublin.

### POISONING TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 19.—The cross-examination of Wm. J. Kinsley, the handwriting expert, in the trial of Roland B. Molinoux, was completed this afternoon. The attorney for the defence has been unable to shake Mr. Kinsley's confidence that the hand of Roland B. Molinoux penned the address on the famous poison package.

### MARCONI IN COMMERCE.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Toledo Ann Arbor and North Michigan Railway Co. to-day signed a contract with the Marconi wireless telegraph in connection with the ferry line across Lake Michigan and between Frankfort and Menominee.

### GAMBLING ON HORSES.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 20.—The law to prohibit bookmaking or pool selling on horse racing and other forms of gambling was decided constitutional by the Supreme court to-day.

### A RASCAL TURK.

Marseilles, Dec. 20.—Mahmoud Pasha, the Sultan's agent who recently fled from Constantinople with his wife's jewels and all the money he could collect, has arrived here. The Turkish government telegraphed to the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Deleassé, asking for the arrest of the fugitive on the authority of French law, but the authorities here have thus far not interfered.

### CALIFORNIA'S EARLY DAYS.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 20.—The celebration of the golden jubilee of the founding of California's government began here to-day. Today's proceedings were a reproduction of the inauguration of Peter H. Burnett, first governor of the state. The part of Governor Burnett was taken by his son, who read the original inaugural address delivered on that occasion.

### OCEANIC OVERDUE.

Queenstown, Dec. 20.—Some anxiety is felt regarding the White Star steamer Oceanic, Capt. Cameron, which left New York December 13. She is 20 hours overdue.

### \$40,000 TO LOAN ON MORTGAGE.

in large and small amounts on improved real estate.

Swinerton & Oddy, 105 Govt St.

### VICTORIA THEATRE.

Grand Double Bill by the  
The Maggie Moore & H. R. Roberts' Co.  
And their Brilliant Australian Company.

### TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!!

Double Celebrated Comedy,  
"DAVID GARRICK"  
To be followed by the amusing Farce,  
"THE CHINESE QUESTION."

Saturday Matinee and Evening,  
The Exceedingly Funny Farceful Comedy in Three Acts, by GLEN MACDONOUGH.

### "A Prodigal Father."

All the elaborate costumes worn in this play were especially designed and made by Messrs. Buckley & Nunn, of Sydney and Melbourne.

### The Keeley Institute

WEST SEATTLE, Wash.  
For treatment of Liquor, Opium and Tobacco Habits and Nerve Exhaustion. (Correspondence confidential.) Address: U. H. NIXON, Manager.

### TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Wednesday, December 27th, for the supply of beer, bottled waters, groceries, tobacco, coal, etc., commencing on January 1st, 1900, to the Naval Cantonment and Club, Esplanade. Tenders may be for the part or whole. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. For further particulars address: LIBERTY, L. MACHUTCHIN, R.N. H.M.S. Leander.

## Bankrupt Stock OF BOOTS and SHOES Selling Cheap JEWELL BLOCK, Corner Yates and Douglas Sts.

MARRIED.  
COLES-SCHWENGERS.—On the 19th inst., at the Church of Our Lord, by the Rev. Bishop Cridge, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, John Howell Coles, second son of John Coles, Esq., of Kensington Park Gardens, London, Eng., and daughter, Miss Anna Maria Coles, to Katherine Bertha, eldest daughter of Mrs. Schwengers, of Victoria, British Columbia.

### PROPERTY FOR SALE.

List of Properties by G. O. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY.

KINGSTON ST. Two-story dwelling and lot 60x120, James Bay, for \$1000. \$300 cash, balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

CHATHAM ST. Cottage and double front lot \$1000. \$100 cash and balance on time. This is cheaper than paying rent. Apply 40 Government St.

PARRY ST. James Bay. Four two-story dwellings, always let, producing \$25 per month. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St.

DALLAS ROAD AND MONTREAL ST. Bungalow and small two-story house in rear, \$2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

FORT ST. Two-story dwelling, lot 60x120, well situated, \$2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

COOK ST. AND KINGS ROAD. Lots \$250 to \$400, small monthly payments, no interest. Fine chance to procure a home. Apply 40 Government St.

MCLURE STREET. 5-roomed cottage and lot 72x120 for \$1600. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

COLLINS ST. Running through to Beechey St., 1/2 lot. 5-roomed cottage \$900. \$200 cash, balance on time. Apply 40 Government St.

RITHEST ST. Lot 45x130 and 5-roomed house for \$1400. \$200 cash and balance on time. Apply 40 Government St.

FOURTH ST. 2 1/2 acres. Has been under cultivation. Price \$2000. \$250 down, balance on time, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

WILKINSON RD. 12 acres, dwelling, etc., all under cultivation, \$3000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

RICHMOND AND COWAN AVE. One acre under cultivation; fruit, etc. Two-story modern dwelling, \$2250. \$250 down, and \$200 per annum, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

DENMAN ISLAND—180 acres containing evidence of coal, \$750; terms, apply 40 Government St.

KANE STREET. Lot and three houses, all rented, \$3000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

BROAD AND PANDORA STS. Lot 60x120 open to offer on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

NIAGARA ST. 1 1/2-acre lot and two-story dwelling, \$1500. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

GADSDON RAY ROAD. 3 1/2 acres, near Exhibition Buildings, \$1050. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

ST. LOUIS ST. House and lot open to offer. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

RICHARDSON ST. Full lot and seven-roomed cottage, \$2000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

HARRISON ST. Lot and nice cottage, \$1750. \$250 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

GOVERNMENT AND JOHN STREETS. Two lots, one 2-story electric light and new barn; cheap at \$2750; easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

STRAWBERRY VALE. 4 1/2 acres all fenced, 4 miles from city; principal portion under cultivation. Dwelling, barns, etc., \$500. \$500 advance on interest, 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

FORT AND VIEW STS. Four lots, either together or single, open to offer on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

GOVERNMENT ST. Cor. Pembroke St. Two lots open to offer, sale or lease, on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

HUMBOLDT STREET. One lot, with water front, open to offer, sale or lease. Apply 40 Government St.

THE ARM. 1 1/2 acres cleared, water front, electric light, gas, sewer, and water pipes running past premises. Whole amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. \$500. Apply 40 Government St.

SOMERSONS DIST. 100 acres. Two miles from Station, \$600. Terms, if necessary, apply 40 Government St.

CEJAR HILL, Tyndall Ave., 50 acres a whole, or in five-acre blocks. \$50 per acre. Well adapted for fruit and chicken ranch. \$10 per acre down, and balance in 5 or annual payments, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

SAITLUM DIST. 300 acres, near Duncan, 30 acres cleared. Trunk road and never-failing stream runs through property. \$1000. Terms. Apply 40 Government St.

NORTH SAANICH. 350 acres. 70 acres under cultivation. Good soil, near water. Strong evidence of coal on this land; \$8000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—Near Lagoon half mile from sea. 100 acres for \$500. This is extremely cheap. Apply 40 Government St.

QUAMICHAN DIST. 220 acres. Three miles from Duncan Station. Good soil. Stream of water on this property. Suitable for milk ranch or fruit farm. Apply 40 Government St.

SOKE. 317 acres; 80 acres under crop. Fine buildings, \$2500. One of the best farms on the island. Apply 40 Government St.

JOHAN MEADOWS. Fine farm, well stocked, for sale or lease. Terms on application at 40 Government St.

A WHOLE ISLAND. Of Sidney. 60 acres. Two-story building, etc.; coal croppings. \$1200. Apply 40 Government St.

ROSS BAY. 10 acres cleared, ready for cultivation; sea frontage. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St.

VICTORIA WEST—Russell and Mary Sts.: Two fine buildings, lots at assessed value. Terms if necessary. Apply 40 Government St.

ESQUIMALT ROAD. 2 1/2 acres cleared and fenced, corner, \$3500. Subdivided into town lots, this should sell well. Apply 40 Government St.

GORGE ROAD. Four acres and two-story dwelling, with all modern conveniences. Fine view. Very suitable home. \$12500. Terms. Apply 40 Government St.

OUTER WHARF. Three lots, with water frontage. Good location for factory or shipyard. \$5500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

JOHNSON STREET. Below Government, three-story brick with basement, lot 60x120, easy terms. Price \$10,000. All let. Apply 40 Government St.

\$500. Cash and Nine annual payments of \$200 each will buy a fine two-story house at Montreal Street, with sea frontage. Apply 40 Government St.

### PROPERTY FOR SALE.

COLE, MENZIES AND NIAGARA STS. One acre, \$5500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

\$500. Cash and Five annual installments of \$500 will buy a two-story dwelling and three lots on Carlisle, Victoria West. Apply 40 Government St.

\$1000. Cash and Twelve annual payments of \$500 each, interest at 6 per cent. per annum, will buy a two-story dwelling and three lots on Carlisle, Victoria West. Apply 40 Government St.

\$250. Cash and Eight annual payments of \$50 each (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy a dwelling and two lots on Baya Street. Apply 40 Government St.

LADNERS LANDING—66 acres under-drained and cultivated; two-story dwelling, barns, orchard, etc.; price \$9000. Finest soil in the province, easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

GOVERNMENT AND BAY STREETS—Store and dwelling, fine site for family grocery. Open to offer; easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. LANGLEY & BROUGHTON STS. Two lots, \$10,000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

JOHNSON STREET. Above Douglas, lot 60x120, three-story brick and basement, \$12,000. Well located at Factor on Bay, fine view, \$10,000. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

OAK BAY AVENUE. Just below Rockland Avenue. Four lots, \$1200, your own terms. Apply 40 Government St.

2 1/2 ACRES. Near Jubilee Hospital, all cleared ready for cultivation, \$1200. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

\$250. Cash and Five annual installments of \$500 (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy two-story house, with all modern conveniences, and lot 60x120 near Christ church. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. FORT AND VANCOUVER STS. Cottage and Two lots, \$9000, terms. Apply 40 Government St.

CHATHAM ST. Near Cook Street. Lot 60x120. Cottage, 6 rooms, \$1100. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. YATES AND COOK STS. Two-story dwelling, \$3500. \$500 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

OAK BAY: Cottage and eight lots; high ground, facing the sea. Price \$2,000; easy terms. Monthly payments. Apply 40 Government St.

Stores and offices to let in all parts of the city. Farms for sale in all parts of the Province. Call and see our list of properties for sale and rent. R. C. LAND AND INVESTMENT AGENCY, 40 Government Street.

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms; single and en suite. 90 Douglas street.

TO LET—Office; ground floor; good situation; reasonable rent. "Rent." Collocation office.







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## THE WAR.

In the absence of definite information from the seat of war, it is hardly worth while speculating upon what is transpiring there.

Accounts of the battle of Tugela are coming in very slowly, and judgment ought to be reserved as to the responsibility for the repulse until details have been received. It is not pleasant to be told that our forces were taken by surprise. We shall look with anxiety for the explanation that may be offered.

## THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

According to the theory of constitutional government the ministry for the time being must enjoy the confidence of the crown or its representative. Only by the most violent stretch of the imagination can it be supposed that the gentlemen composing the government of British Columbia have the confidence of the Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Sifton is nominally Premier, but every one knows that he is not Premier in fact. Mr. Cotton absorbs two offices, and is in fact the whole government, yet unless "common rumor is a common liar" Mr. Cotton never was persona grata with the Lieutenant-Governor. Messrs. Henderson, Hume and McKechnie are very amiable gentlemen, but they have no confidence in themselves and it would be absurd to suggest that the Lieutenant-Governor can have confidence in them as advisers. His Honor has never felt it to be his duty to inform the Colonist as to his feelings towards his alleged advisers, but we fancy that they are akin to those of the fellow, who when told that two young attorneys had been appointed to defend him exclaimed: "Both of 'm. Well, then, I plead guilty." It is little else than a farce that the affairs of this great province, in which there is so much to be done, should be in the hands of such a ministry as the present one, and the Lieutenant-Governor must realize this as fully as any one else. To suppose that he will make any effort to save their political bacon when the house turns them down is ridiculous.

## MR. SIFTON.

A report from Ottawa, in which we place little credence, is that Mr. Sifton is to be asked to surrender his present portfolio, if not to retire from the cabinet. We do not believe this, because such a line of policy would be suicidal on the part of any government, and especially so on the part of the Laurier administration, seeing that it would also call for the resignation of Sir Louis Davies because of Liberal reverses in Prince Edward Island. Nevertheless the result of the Manitoba elections must be a great blow to Mr. Sifton's prestige and influence. His party will have little use for a man who cannot carry even one out of three ridings in his own constituency, and the Brandons went Conservative at the late election.

Mr. Sifton has been far from a success at the head of his department. He muddled the Yukon business scandalously. He has made experiments in immigration of very doubtful wisdom. But what is worse than all this from a party standpoint, he has made serious breaches in the ranks of the Liberals by his ill-advised methods. If the whole West is swinging over to the Conservatives, Mr. Sifton is in a great measure responsible for it. He will be retained in office no doubt; Sir Wilfrid is not likely to think of dropping him, and the longer he is there the better the chances for Conservative success. Sifton and Tarte form a combination fatal to any ministry.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO.

The above heading in an Eastern newspaper suggested a reference to the Colonist files of thirty years ago, and we mention some of the advertisers of that date, thinking that the names may remind the older residents of things they may have forgotten. The first advertisement in the paper is that of Sprout & Co., who represented the Royal Insurance Co., and did business on Wharf street and also sold groceries and liquors; Henry Nathan & Co. advertised groceries and liquors at their business house on Wharf street. Thomas Leit Stahl-schmidt offered pianos and saddlers hardware for sale. Jesse Cooper had a stock of boots and shoes opposite Wells, Fargo & Co.'s on Yates street. T. L. Pawcett & Co. sold sewing machines on Government street. Thomas Cameron built coaches and wagons on Cormorant street. Thomas Russell insisted that there were no hens, no chickery and no adulteration in the coffee which he sold on the corner of Fort and Blanchard. L. L. Lowenberg had money to loan and real estate for sale at his office on Government street near Broughton. Promiss & Saunders sold groceries and liquors on Johnson street. C. Frank Barnard, M. D., practised dentistry on Douglas street, south of Fort. F. J. Barnard despatched an express from Victoria every alternate Friday. T. Alsop had money to loan and real estate for sale at his office on Government street near Broughton. Hayward & Jenkinson, on Langley street, had a lot of barrels and staves for sale. J. Fried had just returned the St. Nicholas hotel on Government street, while F. S. Bushell & A. E. Mordaunt, who ran the "Blue

Post" on the corner of Johnson and Douglas, had just dissolved partnership. Dr. Ching Fan advertised some remarkable cures made by him. Thomas C. Nuttall was agent for the Phoenix Insurance Co. of London. R. Broderick & Co. advertised 2,240 lbs. of coal for \$11. James Trimble, mayor, and William Leech, city clerk, advertised a by-law to provide for greater cleanliness of the city. A. Cassamayo & Co. sold tobacco and liquors, and F. Dalby took photographs. Frederick Reynolds ran the London Market and was purveyor by appointment to Her Majesty's navy; and John Murray managed the Victoria Market on Johnson street. Mrs. Johnston conducted the English Bazaar on Fort street, and the Bailey hotel was in full blast on Langley street. H. Gaston called the Queen Charlotte Coal Mine Company together in special meeting. Mrs. G. Mason ran a boarding house on Fort street, between Douglas and Broad. A. H. Francis, who sold groceries, testified to the value of advertising. C. Bossi sold groceries and liquors, and William Andean ladies' underwear, oil paintings and similar things. J. H. Turner & Co. had just received a stock of goods by the Medora, and Mitchell & Johnson had 25,000 fruit trees for sale. J. Heywood wanted everyone to buy his sausages. Richard Carr had flour and feed for sale on Wharf street. Leneveu & Eckstein had just received a lot of salt. Noltemeier Bros. sold boots and shoes. Piper Olympia oysters, and Morris Dobrin dry goods. The auctioneers were J. P. Davies & Co. and Lamley Franklin. John Weiler advertised wall paper.

## PARTY LINES.

Sir Charles Tupper in his Vancouver speech spoke in favor of the introduction of federal lines in local politics. It was known before that Sir Charles favored this movement, and we do not think that his public declaration to that effect will affect the situation one way or another. The people of British Columbia, while glad to hear what any one may have to say on this subject, will make up their minds for themselves, and we believe their verdict will be that federal leaders should leave provincial matters severely alone. It is quite easy to understand why gentlemen, who like Sir Charles Tupper, have spent all their lives in a contest between Conservatism and Liberalism, should desire to see these issues extended into every provincial field, but we do not believe that this view is shared by any considerable number of the people of this province.

We are very strongly of the opinion that the federal party, which seeks to introduce federal issues into local politics in British Columbia is courting a defeat, the influence of which may extend much further than the Colonist would like to see it go. At present public sentiment in this province is very strongly in favor of the Conservative party in federal politics, but if any effort is made to force federal issues into the local field, we would not care to be responsible for the result. We therefore respectfully suggest to the leaders of the Conservative party that they will do wisely to keep their hands off British Columbia's local affairs.

## REPRESENTATION.

The Vancouver World deals at length with the question of redistribution. It is very frank about it and advocates the wholesale reduction of the representation of the Island, claiming that Victoria's representation should be reduced to two, that North and South Victoria should be consolidated and given one, and that the same should be done with North and South Nanaimo. It also thinks that the representation of Vancouver should be reduced one-half. It would not interfere with the Fraser river constituencies or Cassiar, but thinks the Boundary district ought to have a representative. Our contemporary cites without disapproval the contention of some that the representation of the province is "excessively large."

We do not intend to make any argument in regard to the proposal to reduce the representation of the Island constituencies, but we take issue with the claim that the province is over-represented. We are more inclined to the view that the numerical strength of the legislature may with propriety be increased from time to time. This is not a matter that can be determined by any hard and fast rule. Each province ought to have a representative suited to its special conditions. British Columbia is very large. Its settled portions are widely separated from each other. The wants of the various sections are many and diverse. The fact that the Boundary district cries out for a representative of its own, illustrates the nature of the case. This district thinks its wants cannot be properly looked after unless some one is sent to the legislature specially charged with the duty of looking after them.

The legislature will, in our opinion, act very wisely if it leaves the redistribution of representation alone until after the next census. In the meantime if it is proposed to make a new riding in the Boundary country, we do not suppose any one will seriously object.

Gen. Clerly is described as a very dainty gentleman, who is foppish in the matter of clothes, rather taciturn in his habits, but a great student and a man of clear ideas. He is highly esteemed by Lord Wolseley.

The News-Advertiser apparently regards the Wilson movement as an opposition affair. There have been those who thought otherwise, and imagined it to be a scheme to keep the present combination temporarily in power.

It is a favorite trick of the Times, when it cannot answer an argument, to raise the cry of misrepresentation. Last night it says that the Colonist misrep-

resented what occurred at a meeting in regard to the examination of the proposed Chilliwack route. Our contemporary has forgotten the circumstances. When the speaker referred to complained of the lack of information, he was told that only the \$250 was available to pay for a survey. He was also asked what he thought it would cost, and he named a sum; whereupon he was asked what he would give towards it, and he replied \$50. Mr. Renouf did say that Mr. Bell had access to the De Cosmos survey, but it was pointed out that this did not touch a vital part of the new scheme, namely, the terminals and connections with White Rock, Boundary Bay, and the availability of that point for a landing.

The war has a stimulating effect upon the poor cop. But who will write the song of the war? No one has done anything like it yet.

Will the meteorological department kindly pull out another stop? The music of the rain is all very well, but there is such a thing as overdoing it.

Mr. Tarte says he fully agrees with his colleagues in regard to the second contingent. Mr. Tarte evidently has learned the wisdom of coming in when it rains.

To-day the public examinations take place in the city schools. It would be well if as many people as possible could arrange to attend these exercises. The teachers and pupils would be thereby encouraged, and parents would learn how our schools are carried on.

Here is a question upon which some light should be thrown. The estimated cost of the Victoria-Chilliwack project is \$1,500,000. It is proposed to capitalize the company at \$2,000,000, to borrow \$500,000 on bonds and get \$300,000 from the government. This makes \$2,800,000 or \$1,300,000 more than what is alleged to be the outside cost. What is to be done with this amount?

## THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Suggestion That Construction of Rival Project May Be Responsible for Recent Neglect.

From the Toronto Globe. When the all-British Pacific cable scheme was first proposed, it was heard of it for some months now. Does South Africa monopolize the attention of the Colonial Office to the exclusion of all other questions? However it may concentrate attention on itself, there are circumstances which should make the subject of deep-sea cables of more than usual interest at this juncture. It was only the other day that owing to some defect in the means of communication between South Africa and the mother country the whole Empire was left to guess as to what was going on at the front. The list of the dead and wounded at Modder River was delayed in spite of the natural anxiety of relatives of soldiers to ascertain how the husband, son or father had fared in the fray. It is easy to imagine how vital such an interruption of communication between the various portions of the empire might at any time become. It would be thought, then, that now would be a particularly likely time for the Imperial government to be concerned about all projects which promised to make such isolation reasonably improbable.

It is nearly six months since we were all congratulating ourselves that every difficulty threatening the Pacific cable scheme had been overcome, and that the mysterious influences that interrupted one barrier after another had at length been effectually defeated. But our hopes in this regard seem to have been ill-founded. So far as the general public can see, we are no further forward to-day than we were on the 18th of July last. The representatives were told that the Imperial government had come over to the colonial view and had determined to construct the work along with the colonies, on the principle of partnership. That was a great point gained. It seemed the end of all difficulty, indeed, when it appeared to be nothing to do but go on with the work. Not a step in that direction seems to have been taken, however. What is the cause? We cannot suppose that a great department of the Imperial government is so ill-organized that it can only deal with one great subject at a time. The principle of the cable having been decided on by the Minister and the government, the carrying of it out would fall to the officials of the proper departments, and we cannot believe that the hundred and one interests of the empire are allowed to stand still because a war is proceeding in South Africa.

The delay is all the more annoying because it is but a chapter in a history that consists chiefly of delays. Whether rightly or wrongly, the colonies have attributed these delays in the past to the machinations of the Eastern Extension Cable Company, and it will be hard to convince them that the same influence is not still at work. This view is supported by the fact that the company has recently been negotiating with the Australian colonies with a view to gaining certain concessions in consideration of its laying a cable from some point in Australia to South Africa. The concessions it desires are that it should have the privilege of receiving and delivering messages over the Australian land lines, these being owned by the various Australian governments. Against the project of laying such a cable not a word can be said, although the time seems to have come when all such works must have conditions attached to them that insure, at least, ultimate public control. Before permission was given to lay the second cable between Singapore and Hong Kong a condition was attached that the Imperial government could, upon giving twelve months' notice, assume the proprietorship by the payment of £300,000. A similar condition should apply henceforth to every ocean cable constructed by private capital, and if it were imposed on the proposed line from Australia to South Africa, it could be welcomed as another addition to the nerve-connections of the empire.

If it is being used, however, to delay the construction of the Pacific cable, with the hope finally to burke that project, the colonies interested should not fail to enter a prompt protest. That the

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Eastern Extension Company hotly opposes the Pacific cable is a matter of knowledge, and it is not unnatural that the various checks which the project has received should be attributed to the intrigues of the company. The laying of such a cable was resolved upon at the Colonial Conference of 1887. The history of the enterprise since has been one of discouragements, delays and retreats, a good example being the fact that the first report of the committee appointed to consider the matter was held back two years after it had been presented to the government. The colonies have not changed their minds, nor are they likely to do so, in spite of the persistent campaigning of adversaries whom they have already worsted at every point. A bill, we understand, is to be presented at the present session of congress providing for the construction of a cable from San Francisco to the Philippines on the strength of a government subsidy of \$400,000 a year. We can have nothing to urge against such an enterprise, but it will be anything but creditable to us if this line is laid on the ocean bed before our much-talked-about but unaccountably delayed all-British line.

## THE CHRISTMAS CARD.

"A letter, sir, for Sergeant Joseph Scott: One of your men, I think, sir; is he not?" "He was till yesterday," the captain said. "But now," he sighed, "go, search among the dead."

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The captain turned the letter o'er and o'er; A man of iron, his face was grim and hard. At last the envelope again he tore, And out there dropped a little tawdry card. He picked it up: "It's from a kid," he said, And then he softly swore: "Too bad, too bad!" And bit his lip, and cleared his throat, and read: "A merry Christmas to my dearest Dad."

They raised the dead man with his fellows brave; They stretched his mangled limbs in shape of rest; And ere they placed him in the common grave, They laid the little card upon his breast.

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## Insurance Rates

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## Underwriters' Inspector Reports on the Fire Department's and Waterworks

## Victoria's Systems do Not Meet With His Entire Approbation.

A meeting of the board of fire underwriters for Vancouver Island was held here on Monday afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report from M. D. Dwyer, one of the inspectors of the Pacific Coast board on the fire and water systems of the Island cities. Mr. Dwyer has just completed a tour of the Coast making reports to the various local boards on the systems within their jurisdiction. His report to the Vancouver Island board after inspecting the water systems and fire departments is that the cities have not sufficient protection against fire, the single exception being the little town of Cumberland, Comox.

The Victoria water supply does not meet with his approval, the circulating system particularly coming in for condemnation, there being, he says, too many dead ends and small pipes, and the force, too, he considers insufficient. As to the fire department, in his opinion a city of the size of Victoria, with a water system such as she has, should have at least four steam engines instead of two and there should be more men, in fact like all insurance men he is in favor of a fully paid department. More fire stations, Mr. Dwyer also considers necessary.

The fire fighting facilities of Nanaimo and Wellington come in for similar consideration.

The report was received by the board and action was suspended until it has been distributed among the members for consideration. It may mean an increase in the rate of insurance.

## WATCHING MR. NAYLOR.

Seattle Pastors Awaiting the Appearance of the "Evangelist."

The expose made by the Colonist a few days ago of the peculiar record of "Evangelist" Naylor, whose series of lectures arranged to be given in this city under the auspices of the Salvation Army were cut short in a rather sensational manner, seems to have directed attention anew to the reverend gentleman. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer in its Tuesday issue says:

"The Methodist ministers of Seattle sat expectant at the regular Monday morning meeting of the First Methodist Episcopal church yesterday. They awaited the coming of the Rev. Isaac Naylor, evangelist, who had been summoned to appear and answer the charges made against him. But no Mr. Naylor appeared, either in the body or in the spirit, though the rumor is still current that he recently arrived in the city. The ministers do not know where the evangelist is, though he was last heard from a few weeks ago at Victoria, B. C., when, after the sensational breaking up of a Salvation Army meeting he was conducting, he declared his purpose to return to Seattle and relate the charges. The ministers have almost abandoned the hope that he will come."

"When Rev. Mr. Naylor left Seattle he announced his intention of going to Astoria, Ore., to hold a revival, but he was next heard of in Victoria. It was after he had gone that his alleged misdoings became known here, and a letter was sent to Astoria by the committee appointed to investigate the charges, calling him back for an explanation. The date of this letter was November 10 last. A second letter was sent, but no reply has been received from either one. Of course, being in Victoria, Rev. Mr. Naylor could not reply from Astoria, and it has been learned that stacks of letters are piled up there awaiting his coming. While it has not been the intention of the local Methodist ministers or their special committee to condemn Evangelist Naylor without a full and fair hearing, at the same time the position they took in deciding to demand an explanation has all along, it is claimed, been fortified by white and black. The evangelist has been on the ground before, up in New Watcom, and in connection of an alleged deserted wife and five children came over to this country from England early in October last. Rev. Dr. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, published in New York City, was the first to raise the issue. It then travelled to Jesse Bowman, pastor at St. Louis, Mo., editor of the Central Christian Advocate, and thence to the Coast and Puget Sound."

## ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The Queen City and Danube Sail—The Idzumi Maru in.

With good freight and passenger lists, the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Queen City sailed for West Coast ports last evening. Among the passengers were a party of five from Seattle, including Mr. L. C. Johnson, for Quatsino; Victor Jacobson for Clayoquot; and Messrs. Cliff and Richards.

The steamer Danube sailed for Skagway and Northern ports last evening with fair freight and passenger lists, among the latter being Mr. Dickson, Mr. Wade and twelve members of the Northwest Mounted Police, the latter going North to fill vacancies among the contingent stationed at Dawson.

Steamer Idzumi Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship Company, arrived yesterday morning from Osaka with 3,000 tons of freight and a light passenger list, after a very rough trip. She brought four salmon passengers—two missionary families returning from their labors in Alaska. The vessel landed at this port 1,800 packages of oranges, rice and Chinese and Japanese merchandise.

Mrs. J. Conroy, Mrs. A. Holland, Miss E. Hallman, E. B. Lander, Miss Loe, Miss J. Saunders, Mrs. G. M. Glass, Mrs. M. Morrison and Mrs. H. Hibben were passengers for San Francisco sailing on the Umatilla, which left last evening.

The R. M. S. Empress of China arrived at Yokohama on Tuesday last from this port.

Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers, and others, whose occupation gives but little exercise, should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for their liver and biliousness. One's a dose. Try them.

## Letters to the Editor.

## ANTI-BRITISH CITIZENS.

Sir: Referring to the letter by "An Englishman" under "Patriotism and Cakes" in this morning's issue of the Colonist, while I am glad to see that an Englishman will occasionally stoop from his high level and express a disapproval of the antagonism of not a few of the citizens of this city to anything British, I would rather he had gone further and not mentioned the shop referred to, but also signed his name to his letter. A certain number of people, fellow-citizens amongst us, who are making a comfortable living through their daily business transactions mostly with Britishers and have all the protection of British courts and British laws, with equal rights accorded British subjects and will humiliate their manhood by accepting the patronage of a people they would gladly see expelled of all they possess, is something that all loyal British subjects should resent in no unmitigable manner. We should deal with this class of Boers as our neighbors across the line do with the anti-American element,—that is, do not deal with them at all, and then we would perhaps get rid of a very undesirable few to the benefit of good, loyal tradespeople. It is the high and lofty indifference, with not a little superficialness, to the opinion of their colonial subjects, on the part of Englishmen, that is the cause of the growth of a widespread hostility to England which, had it been nipped in the bud with a firm hand, would have spared to many a mourning mother, wife and daughter, the valued lives of dearly loved sons, fathers and brothers. Let us be true to our country and to each other in a practical manner, and we will the sooner put a stop to the sneer and dastardly behaviour of those to whom "An Englishman" makes reference.

RICHARD HALL.

## "THERE ARE OTHERS."

Sir: Under the mention in this morning's Colonist of "Setting Himself Right" notice my name is used, for which I give no authority as I have not been in any way connected with the sailor's story therein referred to and as I believe I am the only George Carter in Victoria I trust you will set me right before the public.

GEORGE CARTER.

[Our correspondent is not the George Carter referred to. This is one more instance of the invariable rule that "there are others." Ed. Colonist.]

## "LEST WE FORGET."

Sir: It is often now asserted that it is beyond the capacity of any European nation to accomplish what Britain has done, namely, transport across 9,000 miles of ocean 120,000 troops and equipment. But did not Spain though bankrupt and crippled, send 200,000 troops to Cuba during the last rebellion? Did 30,000 troops to the Philippines, and Spain only considered a second rate power?

J. M. M.

## TO DEVONIANS.

Sir: The Yorkshiremen in the city are forming a club and I think it is high time that Devonians should follow suit. I find many Devonians and Sons of Devonians occupying prominent positions in Victoria who have it in their power to carry this through successfully. Such clubs are always of great social value to the members and invariably result in some prominent gentlemen declaring themselves Devonians or Sons of Devonians and start the ball a-rolling.

A DEVONIAN.

## WEST COAST TELEGRAPH LINE.

Sir,—We have ample evidence this week (see reports of wrecks on the West Coast) as to the disorganized state of the telegraph line, which I believe has now been down since November 16. From some letters I have received I am led to suppose I greatly underestimate the truth regarding the condition in a few words. It is pretty clear that as long as this government line is leased by the C. P. R., especially for the use of reporting the arrival of the C. P. R. Express steamers, at which time the line is usually in good working order, it will be used for no other purpose. Not only do all the local shipping interests complain about this state of things, as well as those on the American side. But the Japanese, who have been in the habit of sending their mail by the C. P. R. line, have lodged a complaint about it at Ottawa. If this neglect should continue under the influence of the C. P. R., we may expect to see, as we see this week, wrecks that might have been saved, lives jeopardized through gross neglect of the part of officials who are encouraged to do this by the fact that only report we may expect to have will be by local steamers, who bring back the wrecked passengers, with reports. What is needed is that a powerful tug boat should be ready in one of the harbours, San Juan or Alberni, in daily communication with this line of telegraph along the coast, to proceed without delay to the rescue of ships in distress. Anything in the shape of lifeboats would be useless at the present on this coast. I believe some years back this plan of having a tug boat was suggested by government; and the telegraph laid for that purpose. But no movement was made by local enterprise and the whole matter was dropped. It might meet with approval and, if it were ripe for a change, but it can only be by a local combination to get things righted, and a determination that this neglect shall be remedied. I have for some time been suggesting that both operators and line-men on this telegraph line have other occupations more lucrative and less hazardous than attending to the line. If I am correct one runs a stage, another the local delivery, others are farmers. There is no reason why they should not continue such, but as paid officials, and from \$20 a month one would generally suppose the line is the first duty. Let it be so, and there would be no complaint from the public. Some three years ago a petition was got up to have a similar transformation in our local telegraph office with daily reports of the weather. The department at Ottawa immediately granted that request by an annual grant of \$2,000 for the purpose, and was to be paid to the officials to their duty. It seems to me that a similar transformation might occur in the local telegraph department, provided the government took it in hand. A person now lies ready to be signed by any parties who are interested in local shipping matters at the office of the Board of Trade buildings.

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## Eight Hour Law

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## Dominion Commissioner Hears in Detail of the Blight Upon Slocan.

## Prosperous Workmen Driven From Occupations—Well Satisfied Before.

From the Nelson Miner, Dec. 14.

Commissioner R. C. Clute, appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into the conditions affecting the mining interests of British Columbia, the alleged importation of alien labor, etc., opened court in Nelson yesterday, but as no previous notice had been given of the sitting, the attendance was small. There were only two witnesses examined—in fact only two were available.

Mr. R. H. Talmie was the first witness examined. He deposed:

"I am general secretary for the Silver-lead Mines Association of Slocan, and the Nelson District Association. The district covered by these associations are the Slocan and Nelson mining divisions. The members of these associations include the principal mine owners in these districts." Asked if he was acquainted with the rate of wages ruling in the Slocan prior to 1st of June last, he said it was \$3.50 a day of ten hours.

Mr. Clute said he had been informed that a nine-hour shift prevailed at night.

Witness was asked what action had been taken by his association to procure miners for the mines in the district.

Mr. Talmie replied that men were advertised for at these rates: Hand drillers, \$3; machine men, \$3.50; miners in shafts, \$3.50 to \$4; carmen, \$2.50 to \$3; shovellers, \$2.50; laborers, \$2.50; blacksmiths, \$3.50 to \$4; timbermen, \$3.50 to \$4.

"What did you do to procure men at the rate of wages advertised?" asked Mr. Clute.

"I had several enquiries in response to the advertisements, and answered them," was the reply.

"What was as far as my duties as Secretary went. When men came to me in Slocan and applied for work I directed them to the mines."

"Did many come?"

"Not more than a dozen interviewed me directly."

"Did you go to any of the United States cities to procure help?"

"I did not. I did not enter into any contract for the introduction of alien labor, nor did I get any one to act for me. No such contracts were entered into to my knowledge. I believe that up to May, 1899, the feeling between mine owners and miners was perfectly harmonious."

"Has there been a breach of the alleged labor law in southern British Columbia to your knowledge?"

"Not to my knowledge," replied the witness.

Mr. Campbell asked witness if he was aware of the number of men the Silver-lead Mines Association had employed.

He answered: "They advertised for 2,000 men. With the mines in full operation about that number would be required."

Mr. Campbell asked how many unemployed miners there were in the Slocan at the time of advertising.

"Speaking of Slocan, I should say about 100."

Mr. Clute: "Could a sufficient number of British Columbia subjects be obtained for the mines if they were working full capacity?"

"Unlikely. 'Not at present.'"

To Mr. Campbell: "Of the dozen or so men who applied to me I can only recall one who went to work."

"What reasons did these men assign for not going to work?"

Two of them told me that they were not by the union men and told not to go to work."

Mr. J. J. Campbell deposed: "I am connected with the Hall Mines assistant manager and chief accountant, and am secretary of the Nelson Mines Association."

Mr. Clute: "Are the conditions between Slocan and Nelson different?"

Witness: "Yes, and not alone between the two divisions, but also between mines in the Slocan."

Witness proceeded to explain the differences, and added that the conditions between the mines and the mine owners, the relations with the men at the Hall Mines are pleasant enough now. We require more men now, and although our relations are pleasant we have not done as much work or employed as many men. We find a difficulty in getting skilled miners. The demand is ready in one of the harbours, San Juan or Alberni, in daily communication with this line of telegraph along the coast, to proceed without delay to the rescue of ships in distress. Anything in the shape of lifeboats would be useless at the present on this coast. I believe some years back this plan of having a tug boat was suggested by government; and the telegraph laid for that purpose. But no movement was made by local enterprise and the whole matter was dropped. It might meet with approval and, if it were ripe for a change, but it can only be by a local combination to get things righted, and a determination that this neglect shall be remedied. I have for some time been suggesting that both operators and line-men on this telegraph line have other occupations more lucrative and less hazardous than attending to the line. If I am correct one runs a stage, another the local delivery, others are farmers. There is no reason why they should not continue such, but as paid officials, and from \$20 a month one would generally suppose the line is the first duty. Let it be so, and there would be no complaint from the public. Some three years ago a petition was got up to have a similar transformation in our local telegraph office with daily reports of the weather. The department at Ottawa immediately granted that request by an annual grant of \$2,000 for the purpose, and was to be paid to the officials to their duty. It seems to me that a similar transformation might occur in the local telegraph department, provided the government took it in hand. A person now lies ready to be signed by any parties who are interested in local shipping matters at the office of the Board of Trade buildings.

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Mr. Campbell: "What was the feeling among the miners about the introduction of the eight-hour law?"

The witness there did not seem to be any great desire for the law, but of course all were glad to see it came."

Mr. Campbell: "If a mine is tended steadily would it do one-fourth more in ten hours than in eight?"

Mr. Campbell: "The class of men were working with you when the law came in?"

"The best; some of them had been there three years. They since went away. About one-third were British subjects."

James Wilks, secretary of the Nelson Miners' Union, requested permission to examine the witness, and this was granted. He elicited the fact that the witness carried lunch down into the mine with him. Also that under the ten-hour system the men had considerable time, half an hour per shift at least through delays, whereas under the new system the men were actually at their work at 7 o'clock sharp. The men readily performed eight hours' work, whereas before the eight-hour law he did not think more than nine hours' work was done.

Mr. Wilks: "Is the average miner at the King a good miner in your opinion?"

"No, sir."

The Commissioner: "Why?"

Mr. Wilks: "What is the proportion of good miners?"

"Probably half."

Mr. Wilks: "If the Silver King paid \$3.50 per day instead of \$3, would they get better men?"

"I suppose they would."

Mr. Crossland: "Had we better miners before the eight-hour law came into force?"

"You had. There were some of the best men who ever came into the district."

The Commissioner: "Will a miner do as much work in eight hours as he will in ten hours?"

"If he is a good miner on hammer work he will. On machine work he will not, because you cannot drive a machine."

William Harvey, another miner from the Silver King, was called. He stated that he had been mining for forty years. Asked about his conclusion as to what a good miner could do at hammer work under the two systems, he said: "I believe a good miner will do as much in eight hours as in ten, for a hammer man who works fast will be tired out after eight hours."

Mr. Campbell: "How was it working under the old system?"

"I was more exhausted after being in the mine ten hours, but don't think I did any more work than I did in eight."

John Doherty was sworn next. He stated that he had been a miner for 45 years, and an American citizen, and had been at the Silver King mine since June last. Witness asked that he was about to take out natural gas from the mine, and asked if he had miners who would do as much work in eight hours as they formerly did in ten hours, and would do it more cheerfully. Personally he accomplished fully as much. The foreman in charge of the work should be able to tell how much work was accomplished in a time. In mines where hammermen only were employed the effects of the eight-hour law was not so great as in the case of mines running machine drills. The best evidence he could give regarding the earnings of miners was to give the average earnings of the men working under the old system, now in comparison with the old system, but they could not determine closely, because the class of men was poor. Soldiers and sailors were often hired, but experienced miners were scarce, and of four parties who worked with him two had never been in a mine before.

Henry E. Crossland, general manager of the Hall Mines, was placed on the stand. As to the amount of work accomplished, he stated that he could give evidence as to actual facts. The Silver King had never before the eight-hour law worked under the old system. In mines where hammermen only were employed the effects of the eight-hour law was not so great as in the case of mines running machine drills. The best evidence he could give regarding the earnings of miners was to give the average earnings of the men working under the old system, now in comparison with the old system, but they could not determine closely, because the class of men was poor. Soldiers and sailors were often hired, but experienced miners were scarce, and of four parties who worked with him two had never been in a mine before.

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## PROVINCIAL NEWS

### GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 16.—The Golconda, Smith's camp, is showing up splendidly under development. The company is running a tunnel at a depth of 200 feet to strike the old shaft at 350 or 400 feet distant. They are now in 70 feet and are drifting on a vein of splendid looking ore which was encountered at 40 feet from the mouth, after passing through 12 feet of blue lime rock. The ore here is in a blind vein, not being exposed on the surface, and was quite unexpected. The lead is a well mineralized quartz, carrying iron pyrites, and it is anticipated that a very large body of ore will be met with as soon as the main lead is tapped. It is the intention, as soon as the tunnel is driven to a point directly under the old shaft, to make an upraise. Six men are at work, and all the necessary buildings, etc., have been erected. All the mills at Fairview, the company has closed down for the season.

The Granite and Banner, Camp McKinney, have ceased operations. It is understood that there are negotiations proceeding in the East for the purchase of this property. City Engineer C. E. Alston is engaged in making investigations as to the possibility of obtaining water supply from Boundary creek north of the city. He is finding the fall from Hall's ranch to the city, and when that has been ascertained he will be in a position to know whether or not it will be necessary to go further up the creek. It is probable, however, that it will be necessary to do so. The city engineer strongly favors a system of gravity as opposed to a pumping station, and says that it will cost to convey the water by pipes than erecting a pumping station which will entail a constant expenditure for operation and maintenance. It will be necessary to go high enough in order to bring the water to the highest residential points. After the waterworks investigation has been concluded, the question of sewerage and drainage will next have to be considered, and Mr. Alston is in communication with various cities as to septic tank and sewerage systems which would be adapted to the conditions of this city.

### GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 13.—B. M. McEntire, manager of the Review, Myers Creek, arrived in town on Monday. He says that they are drifting on the 200-foot level with a well defined lead six or seven feet wide. Six men are at work. The property never looked better than it does at the present time. The bank house has been completed and so also has the survey and a number of R. Mechin, mining broker, Montreal, and Mr. Ernest Beck, attorney, Cheshaw, arrived in the city on Sunday from Myers Creek and are at the Armstrong. Mr. Mechin is the superintendent of the company. The Poland China group and a number of other smaller claims for a Montreal company. The Poland China, next to the Review, is being developed. Mr. Mechin will remain here all winter, and acquaint himself with the district generally. Mr. Beck returned to Cheshaw yesterday.

Fred, Oliver, Spokane returned here on Monday and is engaged in superintending the development of the Greyhound and this property has a surface showing of between 150 and 200 feet and a shaft about thirty feet deep. A steam hoist has been purchased and shipped from Rossland on Monday. It is the intention of Mr. Oliver to sink to the 100-foot level and crosscut the drift.

### GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Dec. 16.—D. Evans has resigned the superintendency of the Earthquake to accept a similar position with the Hartford, in Wellington camp. A petition asking the Provincial government to contribute \$2,400 towards the construction of a bridge across the north arm of Kettle River, near the mouth of Pass Creek, 14 miles from Grand Forks, has been extensively signed by various Boundary towns. The only structure across the river is at Grand Forks, and miners in the upper camps who desire to cross the streams in high water are unable to do so at any nearer point. In the position, which originated with J. D. Soars, of this city, it is pointed out that the proposed structure will greatly facilitate travel between the various camps. Mr. Soars has offered to donate the right of way across his land.

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Besides the acute misery produced by the itching and burning of piles, this horrible disease is the more to be dreaded because a surgical operation is commonly considered the only effective cure. Fortunately this is a mistaken idea, for physicians have learned to use Dr. Chase's Ointment instead of applying the knife, not only because it is less expensive and less risky, but also because it is a more effective cure. Frequently happens that after people have endured the torture of piles for years and submitted to operations, that they are finally cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment, the only guaranteed cure. Among persons operated on for piles and afterwards cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment, we mention Rev. J. J. Little, of Arkona, Ont., H. H. Sutherland, Truro, N. S., and W. D. Thornton, Calgary, N.W.T. Dr. Chase's Ointment truly works wonders, for it positively cures the worst cases of blind, itching, bleeding and protruding piles, and all other diseases, viz., a box of all dealers, or Edmundson, Bates, & Co., Toronto.

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property. He has already expended considerable money in building a temporary bridge across the channel of the river leading to the summer ford across the main channel.

The following telegram from L. C. McQuade, vice-president of the Victoria board of trade, to Richard Armstrong, president of the Grand Forks board of trade explains itself. "Victoria contingent home. Convey thanks to citizens for their many courtesies."

R. A. Brown, president of the Sunset, near Princeton, Similkameen district writes that the main shaft is down nearly 80 feet, and that the ore steadily improves in character. A steam hoisting plant is in operation. Three shifts are employed. Mr. Brown says shares are now selling from 25 cents each at Princeton. He enclosed an assay of Sunset ore recently made by Chas. E. Harris, assayer of Princeton. It yielded values of \$101.25 in copper, and \$7.02 in gold.

### PHOENIX.

The Phoenix Waterworks Co. will build a tank in the spring with a capacity of 100,000 gallons, for domestic and business purposes, and the main streets will be piped. There are several sources of supply available, so that water for a place of several thousand will be had. There is enough ore in sight at Phoenix camp to supply 3,000 tons a day just as easily as 700. The ore bodies opened in that camp are simply amazing. They are beyond all precedent and they are going to astound the whole mining world. Grand Forks Miner.

Ed. Callahan, lately from Grand Forks, commented some decidedly queer remarks last Sunday, and in examining him, Justice of the Peace W. R. Williams had his first case. Drs. Gordon and Shack were called to examine Callahan, and recommended that he be sent to the hospital for the insane. Constable Dinsmore took charge of him. Callahan was not violent, but was evidently beside himself, and the physicians think treatment at New Westminster will be beneficial. He broke into A. W. Stewart's retail store and arrayed himself in the best in the house, but first tried to cut down a tree in attire not permitted in polite society.

### PHOENIX CARPENTERS' UNION.

Phoenix Carpenters' Union is making arrangements for a grand ball and supper to be given on December 15, at the Ironsides hotel. The committee in charge consists of J. W. Stewart, J. McLeod, J. E. Meagher, Thomas Corner and H. E. Cramer. The net proceeds will be set aside as a nucleus for a sick benefit fund for members of the union.

Traffic on the Boundary railway was delayed a little a week ago by a rock slide near Shield's Landing on Lower Arrow lake. The passenger train ran into the obstruction and narrowly escaped being involved in a head-on collision with the freight train. Fortunately no one was hurt. The next day a freight train got beyond control and ran off one of the legs of the switchback, the coupling up one on the other, and killing a tramp, who was stealing a ride. Traffic delay was of short duration in each case.

Since Black Jack took his departure several days since, there has been a gradual shrinkage of the number of tin horns, gruffers and sure-things men around the camp.

This place has been recognized at last by the placing of a provincial constable here. Application was made a couple of months ago to have this done, and in accordance with the request Constable D. J. Barragach, of Cassiole, was ordered to make his headquarters here in the future. Mr. Barragach, who is well and favorably known on the force, arrived in Phoenix Thursday night to remain permanently.

Phoenix will enjoy electric lights connected with Greenwood. That is to say, the lights will be turned on in both places at one and the same time. Since the syndicate having Duncan McIntosh and C. S. Collins at its head were awarded the contract for furnishing Greenwood with electric lights, and also for building a tramway between the two places, the above mentioned gentlemen have not been idle. The franchise called for lights to be turned on in Greenwood within ninety days from November 8 last. Not only will this be done, but Phoenix will enjoy the same privilege at the same time. The following schedule of charges is incorporated in the by-law passed by the Greenwood city council, and the assurance is given that the same prices will prevail here:

For incandescent lamps of 16 candle power, \$1.50 per light per month for all night lights; \$1.25 per light per month for stores, business houses, etc.; \$1 per light per month for dining rooms, etc.; 65 cents per month per light for private houses and bedrooms, etc.; street lights of 2,000 candle power, \$10 per light per month.

This morning at 10 o'clock an election was held at the school house for three fire wardens. W. R. Williams, J. F. Hemmaway and G. W. Rumbarger were the only nominees, and were elected by acclamation. Pioneer, Dec. 9.

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### MONTREAL'S ELEVATORS.

Buffalo Promoter Objects to Further Cutting of Profits of the Enterprise.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—W. J. Conners, head of the syndicate bearing his name which proposes to erect grain elevators in Montreal harbor, had an interview with the harbor board to-day. Since the last interview, the board, pressed by local interests, has been adding protection clauses to the agreement. At today's meeting Mr. Conners stated bluntly that this had to stop. They had reached a business-like agreement, and if the harbor board proposed to go on changing it, thus making the provisions more severe, they could get somebody else to build their elevators.

The board entered into a clause by clause discussion of the agreement, which was not concluded when the meeting adjourned.

### SPAIN'S NAVAL BUDGET.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—The chamber of deputies to-day, by a vote of 154 against 94, adopted the naval budget.

### KIPLING TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

London, Dec. 19.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Rottingdean last evening, called for the purpose of forming a Volunteer company.

### A WRESTLING BOUT.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—After 17 minutes of the hardest kind of wrestling to-night, Tom Jenkins of Cleveland was given the decision in a wrestling bout with Kara Osman, the Turkish wrestler.

### AGUINALDO'S REFUGES.

Manila, Dec. 18.—Gen. Grant has discovered hidden in Subig bay a steamer, the Bol Francisco, fully equipped and coalled. She is supposed to be the vessel Aguinaldo was keeping ready for his escape.

### ON CALLING TERMS.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 18.—Spain, Italy and Germany have to-day indicated their recognition of President Castro's government, which has now been formally recognized by all nations.

### RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES.

New York, Dec. 19.—As a result of the protests of shippers the interstate commerce commission has set December 12 for hearing the proposed advance in railway rates. New York merchants claim that the proposed advance is so radical as to create a very serious disturbance in trade relations.

### A CONSPIRING DEPUTY.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Mareil Habert, member of the chamber of deputies for Rambouillet, who is one of the defendants in the conspiracy trial now in progress before the senate, sitting as a high court, made his first appearance before the tribunal to-day. He was placed under arrest and imprisoned.

### CONSUL AT PRETORIA.

Washington, Dec. 19.—United States Consul Collis has sent a cable despatch to the state department announcing his arrival at Pretoria Monday morning. He will act as consul until the arrival there of Adolphus H. Macrum, whom he relieves at Pretoria, was to sail from Lorenzo Marques.

### A WORRIED CABINET.

London, Dec. 19.—A special despatch from Vienna announces that in consequence of the paralysis of parliamentary business due to persistent Czech obstruction, the Austrian cabinet, headed by Count Clary Aldringen, which was formed last October to succeed the ministry of Count Thun-Hohenstein, will resign to-day (Tuesday).

### DUTCH ARE OFFENSIVE.

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Antwerp. "The British and American ministers at The Hague have asked permission to retire to Antwerp, with a view of avoiding personal unpleasantness during the anti-English meetings of the Dutch. There is no foundation for the reports on the Continent that the diplomatic relations between Great Britain and the Netherlands are strained."

### CHESS MASTERS.

Vienna, Dec. 18.—The National Chess Masters' Congress opened at the Vienna Chess Club last night, when twelve experts declared their readiness to play the tournament for which the late Baron Kolisch had provided the prizes in his will. Albin Alapin, Mario Schlechter, Schwarz Wolf and Zinkl, of Vienna; Popal, of Dacia; and of Prague; Brody and Maroczy, of Buda Pesth, and Prock, were the men.



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## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, Dec. 20—8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.

The weather conditions in the province continue to be very unsettled. An area of high pressure prevails over the Pacific states from California to Vancouver Island, where it meets the low area from the north, and heavy rains have been general over the Straits and Sound. A maximum hourly wind velocity of 40 miles is reported from Port Canby. Moderate weather has been general throughout the Northwest.

### TEMPERATURES.

	Mia.	Max.
Victoria .....	39	49
New Westminster .....	36	44
Kamloops .....	32	40
Barkerville .....	29	37
Calgary .....	20	44
Winnipeg .....	29	34
Portland, Ore. ....	36	48
San Francisco .....	38	48

### FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Thursday:  
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly and southerly winds, increasing in force on the coast; unsettled, with rains. Lower Mainland—Moderate winds; unsettled with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.  
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.  
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

	Deg.	Dir.
5 a.m. ....	40	East-north-east
Noon .....	48	Highest .. 49
5 p.m. ....	48	Lowest .. 39

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m. .... 12 miles east.  
Noon .....

5 p.m. .... 20 miles southeast.  
Average state of weather—Rain.  
Rain—51 inch.  
Barometer at noon—Observed .. 30.088  
Corrected .. 30.111

### PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victoria from the Sound:	
Miss Ray .....	E. D. Wright.
Mrs. Weston .....	Miss Gregg.
E. Williams .....	Miss H. Weston.
Mrs. Martin .....	C. M. Borden.
Mrs. Brown .....	G. Hensley.
T. Harmon .....	Mrs. Rolfs.
	Robt. Young.
By steamer Charming from Vancouver:	
R. Cunningham .....	Robt. Irving.
J. H. Gray .....	C. W. D. Clifford.
E. A. Holland .....	Max Leiser.
E. B. Welch .....	R. Bonhomme.
T. W. Patterson .....	H. H. Johnston.
E. A. Ely .....	E. Jennings.
R. F. John .....	Mrs. Topp.
G. H. Topp .....	S. McLeure.
E. F. Golder .....	S. Lee.
C. W. Adams .....	F. J. Bullner.
H. F. Keefer .....	P. W. Thompson.
R. Dougherty .....	G. H. Gray.
R. Stacey .....	R. Whittaker.
Mrs. C. Porter .....	G. L. Brown.
Mrs. Brown .....	L. Ker.
E. A. Morris .....	J. C. Devlin.
F. Wollaston .....	T. Farnell.
E. Christian .....	D. Wilson.
J. C. McLeure .....	B. H. Johnston.
Mrs. Mitchell .....	J. D. Campbell.
Mrs. Irving .....	J. Crowley.
G. H. Brown .....	W. Rensison.
O. J. Ross .....	

### CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:	
T. R. Cusack .....	Naval Storekeeper.
Viet. China Wks. ....	Viet. Shoe Co.
H. B. Co. ....	H. F. Stannard.
Long & Leiser .....	Mrs. O. Johnston.
B. C. Elec. Ry. ....	Turner, B. & Co.
Weller Bros. ....	D. Spencer.
A. Pierce .....	C. H. Johnston.
C. M. Cookson .....	Martin & R.
Hutchinson Co. ....	T. Earle.
Todd & Sons .....	B. A. Wain Co.
R. A. Brown .....	R. W. Johnston.
A. McGregor & Son ..	Geo. Powell & Co.
J. Y. Griffin & Co. ....	W. H. Johnston.
A. R. Pullman .....	McQuade & Son.
W. J. Hanna .....	P. Norris.
Ames Holden Co. ....	P. McQuade & Son.
E. R. Marvin & Co. ....	Bank B.N.A.
Barnman, H. & Co. ....	Wilson Bros.
F. Ward .....	A. H. Goldrich.
H. Hornstein .....	Parsons Prod. Co.
R. H. & Co. ....	A. Sheret.
J. Fallerton .....	Langley & Co.
City Plumbing Co. ....	W. S. Terry.
D. K. Chumbranes .....	J. F. Johnston.
Langley & Co. ....	Viet. T. & D. Co.
Albion Iron Wks. ....	Giant Powder Co.
Dom. Ex. Co. ....	
By steamer Victoria from the Sound:	
Mrs. McElhenry .....	B. C. Farm. Co.
S. Leiser & Co. ....	L. Goodacre.
B. C. Market Co. ....	Cuthbert.
Brown Co. Ltd. ....	W. H. Adams.
A. Porter & Son .....	Stinchell & Co.
J. H. Good .....	F. A. Stewart & Co.
Wilson Bros. ....	R. P. Thibet.
W. A. Jamieson .....	A. McGregor & Son.
Jay & Co. ....	Barnman, H. & Co.
Hunter Bros. ....	

### MAKING LAWS FOR SOME.

Washington Gives Attention to Helpless Condition of the District.

Washington, Dec. 19.—At the cabinet meeting to-day there was a discussion of the situation in Alaska, which according to the views of the President and the members of the cabinet, required the immediate attention of congress. It was estimated that during the coming summer there would be from 20,000 to 40,000 people in the vicinity of Cape Nome without laws, or means of enforcing such laws as the better class of citizens might improvise.

from Hazelton to Omineca is more than a fair rate for the distance.

On the other hand, the rates from Ashcroft to Omineca are not profitable to the carriers, having been cut to pieces, especially on the wagon road, through competition.

It is not our wish to oppose the opening up of the country, and we would point out that for farming or stock-raising purposes the valleys between Quesnelle and Omineca, and between Hazelton and Omineca are of equal value. Neither would be of any value as traffic feeders of the wagon roads for shipment outwards, but both would in time produce cattle and grain and other crops for local consumption, and for shipment to Omineca.

If your government considers that the future of the Omineca mines is sufficiently assured to justify the building of wagon roads to carry its traffic, we have only to ask that you will deal fairly with both routes, and build at least a mile of wagon road from Hazelton towards Omineca for each mile you build from Quesnelle.

We have the honor to be, sir,  
Your obedient servants,  
(Signed by many Victorians).

Mr. Clifford announced that the Vancouver board of trade had taken the matter up, Senator Reid advocating the Quesnelle route, and the speaker the Skeena-Hazelton route. The Vancouver board had referred the matter to a special committee. He could see that the members were favorable to the Skeena route, and were sorry that they had been so hasty in some weeks ago recommending the Quesnelle route to the government. The Skeena route was undoubtedly the best one. Senator Reid had at Vancouver given the whole thing away by stating that all the Cariboo people wanted was a road to Quesnelle Mouth.

In answer to a question it was stated that steamers of 100 tons burden were now running from Port Essington to Hazelton, and larger steamers could be put on.

Mr. Clifford referred to his trip from Kitimat to the canyon on the Skeena. There was very little grade, the highest point being 400 feet high. It was the only valley through the Coast range between Vancouver and Juneau. Large ocean steamers could land at Kitimat, and in fact he considered that the natural entrance for a wagon road to the Omineca, Cassiar, Atlin and Yukon mining districts. A road through the valley could be kept open the whole year, although of course it would be cheaper to use the river when it was open. The building of a road would open up a splendid country.

In answer to a question it was said that with lots of business the freight rates from Essington to Hazelton could be greatly reduced, and the goods could be taken in half the time as by the Quesnelle route.

Mr. McCandless said he was very favorably impressed with the Skeena route. Even if the rates and time were as great as by the Quesnelle route, it would be to the interest of the Coast cities to have the Skeena route opened up. He, however, would prefer to have the question deferred.

Mr. Leiser, who does considerable business with Omineca mining companies, said there was no comparison. All the companies preferred having their goods forwarded by the Skeena route.

Mr. Shalleross argued that as a general principle Victorians should advocate opening up routes from the coast. He moved as follows, the motion being seconded by Mr. Leiser and carried:  
That in the opinion of this board the proper policy for British Columbia to adopt is wherever possible to open up the interior of the province by the shorter routes from the coast, as by this means the cost of delivery of goods in the interior will be reduced to the lowest point possible, and which will build up the trade and industries of the province.

The question was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. McCandless, McQuade, Shalleross and Leiser.  
The Hon. J. I. Tarte, minister of public works, wrote that Mr. Roy, the resident agent for government engineering, had been instructed to make a survey of the harbor for the dredging proposed by the board. This was received and filed.

The secretary of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum wrote stating that the officers of the British Columbia board had had many of the members of the international advisory board, and asked that Dr. W. P. Wilson, a director, and Mr. W. H. Seoff, chief of the foreign department, be made honorary members of the British Columbia board. It will be recommended at the next general meeting that the request be granted.

From the secretary of the congress of the chambers of commerce of the Empire came an invitation to offer resolutions at the meeting to be held next year. In connection with this came a request from the Toronto board that the following resolution be submitted at the meeting of the congress be endorsed:

Whereas it is generally recognized that an advantageous commercial bond is one of the strongest links in national unity, and that the maintenance and strengthening of trade is the keynote of a state's successful development;

And whereas the existence of an empire is largely dependent upon the material prosperity of its people;  
Therefore be it resolved that in the opinion of this congress the bonds of the British Empire would be materially strengthened, and the union of the various parts of Her Majesty's dominions greatly consolidated by the adoption of a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit, whereby each component part of the Empire would receive a substantial advantage in trade as the result of its national relationship.

Further resolved that in order to make the foregoing operative, the chair shall appoint, before this congress dissolves, a representative and proportionate committee of home and colonial delegates to draw up a scheme of this nature, and report to this or a similar commercial congress, and that a copy of this resolution be officially forwarded to the home and colonial governments concerned in the proposition.

The letters were referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Davidge, Fletcher and Lindley Creighton. In acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the board's annual report, drew attention to the fact that no reference was made therein to Victoria's facilities for handling the Klondike trade. He enclosed a clipping from the Colonist showing that Victoria did 48 per cent. of the Northern business, and suggested that the article be printed in pamphlet form and inserted in the annual report for circulation in the mining districts. He further suggested that papers with statistics for the year 1898 be sent in, and mentioned that it should be done at once, as reading matter was most acceptable in the mining camps during the winter months.

Mr. Shalleross said the article was most creditable to the Colonist, and Mr. Leiser having undertaken to have the reports sent to Dawson and circulated free of charge, the secretary was authorized to have the article printed on the back of the reports and other information inserted.

Mr. Ward stated that while in Rossland he had been approached in regard to the improvement of the agent-

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general's office in London. The Rossland board are about to take the question up, it being their idea that at least \$20,000 a year should be spent on the office; that a good man, who could visit the province at least once a year, should be secured, and that the offices should be centrally located. In its present condition the office was a disgrace.

It was decided to defer action until the resolution of the Rossland board was received. The president also brought up the question of the present unsatisfactory steamboat service to the Sound, and Mr. Shalleross mentioned that the company had raised the price of meals and berths. The board decided to consider the question at a future meeting, which Mr. Dodwell will be invited to attend.

Mr. Shalleross asked whether it would be advisable to discuss the policy of the incoming board of admirals, but the members thought not, and the meeting adjourned.

### THE CANADIANS PRAISED.

Invaluable Mechanical Services Performed on Their Way to the Fighting Line.

London, Dec. 12.—The military experts, commenting on to-day's war news, insist upon the admirable work done by the colonial troops. The St. James's Gazette to-day says:

"The New Zealanders, near Colesberg, attacked the Boers on an important hill, and drove them off with loss. The New South Wales Lancers admirably co-operated with our cavalry in the same neighborhood."

The Canadians at Orange River station have been showing their equality as yet in a way not less important, though less showy. Being, for the most part, handy men, accustomed to take up any job that fell in their way, they have been invaluable on the very necessary work of building railway sidings, erecting platforms, and in many useful duties essential to the progress of the campaign. Their loyalty and discipline in undertaking this dull work is better proof of their real military value than almost any success in fighting. We know they will be plucky and cool in action. Canadians have shown their long home training. Colonial campaigning experience has not been lost on them, and they are now getting their reward in being on to the front."

### GEN. HUTTON'S AMBITION.

Wants Canadian Fighting Forces 100,000 Strong on War Footing and 50,000 During Peace.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The total number of men in the active militia of Canada, according to the last establishment list, is 36,652. The desire of the major-general commanding is to increase this number by 7,000 men, and eventually to bring up the total strength of the Canadian national army to 50,000 men on a peace footing, and 100,000 men on a war footing. Gen. Hutton has evolved the necessary machinery for augmenting the strength of existing units. He contends that it is impracticable to attempt any form of administration for the mobilization of a large body of men unless the existing small units of varying strength are increased in numerical strength, and made up to a uniform establishment. Regiments of cavalry, batteries of artillery, and battalions of infantry, he maintains, must necessarily be of uniform strength. The suggested change could be carried out gradually.

The General believes that existing battalions which are weak should be combined into provisional regiments without interfering with their present identity. In time of war these battalions would revert to their original status, and would furnish the nuclei for strong regiments. The General has repeatedly pointed out that Canada pays less per head of its population towards the defence of its own territory than any other country in the world, the per capita payment in Canada being only 33 cents, as against 44 cents in New Zealand and Cape Colony, and 66 cents in Australia. France spends on her army \$3.28 per head of population, Germany \$2.16, Holland \$1.45, Switzerland \$1.55, and Great Britain \$2.24.

The General has talked the matter over with the minister, and Dr. Borden will announce the government's view of the General's suggestions when the estimates are brought down. At different points in British Columbia, Rossland, Nelson, Kamloops, Kaslo and Revelstoke, effective rifle companies exist. It is proposed to constitute them into a regiment of Rocky Mountain Rifles, and to bring them together each year for twelve days' training.

## Your Christmas Dinner.

The success or failure of your Xmas dinner depends on the entables—the turkeys, the geese, the chickens, the plum pudding, the mince pies, the cakes, all must be good, or the Xmas dinner will be a disappointment. You can count on having them just as they should be, if you buy them here. It might be well to order them a few days in advance.

## Turkeys and Geese

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## Mince Meats.

Pure mince-meat of our own making, prepared from pure fruits and good, wholesome meat. A pound will make two big generous pies.

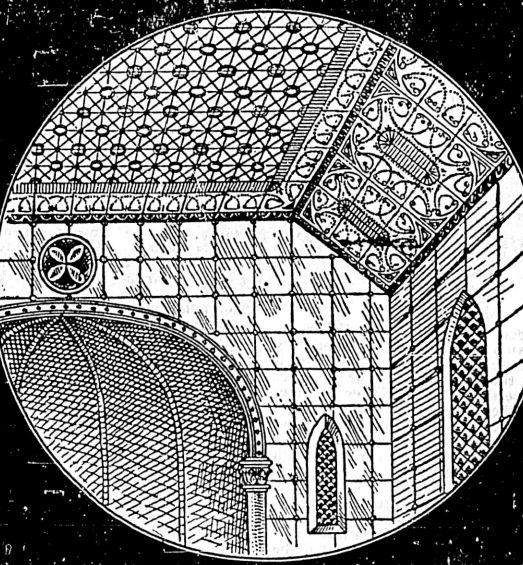
At 12¢, pure mince-meat, elder flavoring; no meat used, but a generous supply of fruit and apples.

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